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In re Application of  
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DECISION ACCORDING  
STATUS UNDER  
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed January 14, 2005.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

A petition fee is not necessary for the request for reconsideration. Therefore, an additional fee of \$130 has not been charged to petitioner's deposit account.

The Office of Initial Patent Examination will be informed of the instant decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

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